

**Proclamation 8205—National Farm-City Week, 2007**

November 16, 2007

*By the President of the United States  
of America*

**A Proclamation**

Our Nation's agricultural industry contributes greatly to the strength of our economy. During National Farm-City Week, we honor the hard work and dedication of America's farmers and ranchers and we highlight the important urban and rural partnerships that help keep our country strong and prosperous.

America's farmers and ranchers embody an important part of our national heritage. As stewards of our land, our farmers and ranchers protect our soil, water, and wildlife habitat. With hard work, discipline, and ingenuity, they produce a safe and healthy food supply. Farmers and ranchers work closely with processors, transporters, and retailers, moving agricultural products from the farm to the homes of Americans and people around the world. My Administration is working to open new markets for American farm products and to encourage free and fair trade. By expanding opportunities for American farmers and ranchers, we can help keep our economy strong and growing.

As we celebrate Farm-City Week, we recognize the many contributions of America's farmers and ranchers and all those who work to strengthen the ties between our rural and urban communities. Our Nation is blessed by those who grow, harvest, and deliver these products, and we honor their dedication to feeding our country and the world.

**Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush,** President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 16 through November 22, 2007, as National Farm-City Week. I encourage all Americans to recognize the many accomplishments of our farmers and ranchers, and all those who contribute to the strength of America's agricultural industry.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven,

and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.

**George W. Bush**

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**Digest of Other  
White House Announcements**

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The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

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**November 10**

In the morning, at the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush had lunch with Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany and her husband, Joachim Sauer.

**November 11**

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Waco, TX. Later, he returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

**November 12**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in an interview with Bret Baier of FOX News.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda of Japan to the White House on November 16.

**November 13**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President-elect Alvaro Colom Caballeros of Guatemala. He then

traveled to Louisville, KY, where, upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Paul Carmony.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to New Albany, IN.

In the afternoon, the President participated in an interview with David Asman of FOX Business Network. Later, he returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will welcome First Vice President of the Government of National Unity of Sudan and President of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit to the White House on November 15.

#### **November 14**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Grand Foyer, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in a photo opportunity with crew members of the space shuttles *Discovery*, *Atlantis*, and *Endeavour* and the crew members of International Space Station Expeditions 14 and 15. Later, in the State Dining Room, he participated in a photo opportunity with the National Troopers' Coalition.

The White House announced that the President will welcome First Minister Ian R.K. Paisley and Deputy First Minister Martin McGuinness of Northern Ireland to the White House on December 7.

#### **November 15**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with First Vice President of the Government of National Unity of Sudan and President of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit.

The President announced his intention to nominate Grace C. Becker to be Assistant Attorney General (Civil Rights) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Mark R. Filip to be Deputy Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Nathan J. Hochman to be Assistant Attorney General (Tax Division) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Gregory G. Katsas to be Assistant Attorney General (Civil Division) at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Kevin J. O'Connor to be Associate Attorney General at the Department of Justice.

The President announced his intention to nominate Goli Ameri to be Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Craig W. Duehring to be Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Ana M. Guevara to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tracy Ralph Justesen to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services at the Department of Education.

The President announced his intention to nominate Eric M. Thorson to be Inspector General at the Department of the Treasury.

The President announced his intention to nominate Neel T. Kashkari to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (International Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomas C. Carper, Nancy A. Naples, and Denver Stutler, Jr., to be members of the Reform Board (AMTRAK).

#### **November 16**

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President had a working lunch with Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda of Japan. Later, in the Oval Office, he participated in a photo opportunity with the recipients of the 2006 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring.

The White House announced that the President will welcome President Elias Antonio Saca Gonzalez of El Salvador to the White House on November 29.

The President announced that he has nominated Larry Woodrow Walther to be

Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

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**Nominations  
Submitted to the Senate**

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The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

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***Submitted November 15***

Goli Ameri,  
of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Educational and Cultural Affairs), vice Dina Habib Powell.

Grace C. Becker,  
of New York, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Wan J. Kim.

Thomas C. Carper,  
of Illinois, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years, vice Sylvia de Leon, term expired.

Craig W. Duehring,  
of Minnesota, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, vice Michael L. Dominguez.

Ana M. Guevara,  
of Florida, to be U.S. Alternate Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of 2 years, vice Jennifer L. Dorn, term expired.

Nathan J. Hochman,  
of California, to be an Assistant Attorney General, vice Eileen J. O'Connor.

Tracy Ralph Justesen,  
of Utah, to be Assistant Secretary for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, vice John H. Hager, resigned.

Neel T. Kashkari,  
of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury (new position).

Nancy A. Naples,  
of New York, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years, vice Enrique J. Sosa, resigned.

James B. Peake,  
of the District of Columbia, to be Secretary of Veterans Affairs, vice Jim Nicholson, resigned.

Denver Stutler, Jr.,  
of Florida, to be a member of the Reform Board (Amtrak) for a term of 5 years, vice David McQueen Laney, term expiring.

Eric M. Thorson,  
of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, vice Harold Damelin, resigned.

Lincoln D. Almond,  
of Rhode Island, to be U.S. District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, vice Ernest C. Torres, retired.

Edmund A. Booth, Jr.,  
of Georgia, to be U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia for the term of 4 years, vice Lisa Godbey Wood, resigned.

Gregory A. Brower,  
of Nevada, to be U.S. Attorney for the District of Nevada for the term of 4 years, vice Daniel G. Bogden, resigned.

Mark S. Davis,  
of Virginia, to be U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, vice T.S. Ellis III, retired.

Rebecca A. Gregory,  
of Texas, to be U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas for the term of 4 years, vice Matthew D. Orwig, resigned.

William Joseph Hawe,  
of Washington, to be U.S. Marshal for the Western District of Washington for the term of 4 years, vice Eric Eugene Robertson, resigned.

Reed Verne Hillman,  
of Massachusetts, to be U.S. Marshal for the District of Massachusetts for the term of 4 years, vice Anthony Dichio.